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RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2002, the Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 5-10 are pending this application. Claims 5-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,238,286 to Tanaka et al., (hereinafter the '286 patent). In view of the following remarks, the Applicants respectfully

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